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Right Storage

Standards
Always check and verify all 'rights'

Right temperature, Vaccine Vial Monitor (VVM) shake test

Method of Verification

Check cold chain issues including Vaccine vial monitor (VVM)

Verified by

Pharmacy injection provider

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Right Method of Disposal

Standards
Always check and verify all 'rights'

Do not recap needle. Dispose of used syringe and needle immediately after use in appropriate safety box
Or
Use the needle cutter and safety box

Method of Verification

Check the safety box for correct method of disposal

Verified by

Injection provider

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Right Anatomical Site

Standards
Always check and verify all 'rights'

Upper outer quadrant and upper outer 1/3 of thigh muscles (especially in children) for I.M., deltoid muscle for small doses e.g. TT

Method of Verification

Determine the exact site to avoid injury to the nerve

Verified by

Injection provider

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Right Trained Personnel

Standards
Always check and verify all 'rights'

Are you trained to give the prescribed injection?

Method of Verification

Ask whether complication or adverse event that may arise can be handled by the provider

Verified by

Injection provider

Remember:

A safe injection, phlebotomy (drawing blood), lancet procedure or intravenous (IV) device insertion is one that:

- does no harm to the recipient;
- does not expose the provider to any avoidable risk; and
- does not result in any waste that is dangerous for other people.



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in Ensuring Safe Injections





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Right Patient

Standards
Always check
and verify
all 'rights'

What is the name
on the prescription?

Is this the right
patient?

**Method of
Verification**

Ask patient/guardian,
etc to repeat name

Verified by

Injection provider

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Right Drug

Standards
Always check
and verify
all 'rights'

Is the name of the
drug on the prescrip-
tion the same as
the injection you are
about to administer?

**Method of
Verification**

Verify name of drug
on prescription
with injection to be
administered

If you are unsure
verify with physician
or pharmacist

Verified by

Injection provider

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Right
Formulation**Standards**
Always check
and verify
all 'rights'

Could the medication
be given orally
instead of as an
injection?

**Method of
Verification**

Discuss with patient
available choices

Verified by

Injection prescriber

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Right
Injection
Equipment**Standards**
Always check
and verify
all 'rights'

Use only sterile
non-reusable
syringes, dental
cartridge

**Method of
Verification**

Check to ensure
that syringe/needle
package is unbroken

Verified by

Injection provider

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Right Dosage

Standards
Always check
and verify
all 'rights'

Check dosage
against patient's age,
weight and the
pharmacokinetics
of the drug

**Method of
Verification**

Read the pharma-
ceutical recommen-
dations of the drug

If unsure, verify with
the physician/
prescriber

Verified by

Injection prescriber
and injection provider

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Right Time

Standards
Always check
and verify
all 'rights'

Follow the specified
dose interval

**Method of
Verification**

Be mindful of the
action of the drug and
why the time interval
should be followed

Explain the importance
of this to the patient

Verified by

Injection prescriber
and injection provider

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Right Route

Standards
Always check
and verify
all 'rights'

Be sure to use the
correct route of
administration
(intra-muscular,
intravenous,
intra-dermal or
subcutaneous)

**Method of
Verification**

Observe the
direction of the
prescriber.

Check prescription
or other related
records

Verified by

Injection provider